IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

CHANEY et al.

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For:

METHOD FOR PHYTOMINING OF NICKEL, COBALT AND OTHER

METALS FROM SOIL

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

August 22, 2000

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2000, for three (3) months from May 22, 2000 to August 22, 2000.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$870.00) to cover the cost of the necessary fee. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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